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Application	Number	09/438,957
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Filing Date 11/12/1999

First Named Inventor: Jones

Art Unit: 3627

Examiner Name: A. Rudy

Confirmation No.: 1078

Attorney Docket No. 023895/257368

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.		Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked
	i.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
	ii.	Other
b.	\boxtimes	Enclosed
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	ii.	Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
	iii.	☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
	iv.	Other
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a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months;
b.		Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) Other
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3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)

ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other

b. \square Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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